# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4249
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MARINE NATIONAL PARK
PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) the policy of the Government towards the existing and upcoming industries which are suffering due to existence of Marine National park(MNP) in Jamnagar district of Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government are taking any action where crores of Rupees are going to become NPA because of MNP;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to allow and regularise upcoming and existing projects and completely barring any new project in that area; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) The Marine National Park and Sanctuary has been notified for the protection, propagation and development of the uniquemarine bio-diversity of the region. According to Section 29 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, only such activities that are for development of wildlife, can be permitted in any national park and sanctuary. The High Court of Gujarat, in its order dated 18th July, 2001, has restrained the Government from granting any more authorization and permission for laying down pipelines in any part of the sanctuary or the national park. The judgement also mentions that even the pending cases shall be decided keeping in view the provisions of Section 29 of the Act.

(b),(c), (d) & (e) Do not arise.